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SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL ROK MISSION TO WEST AFRICA

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SUMMARY: FORMER FONMIN BEN C. LIMB WILL LEAD ROK MISSION TO
WEST AFRICA TO PRESENT ROK VERSION OF SOUTH- NORTH DIALOGUE
DEVELOPMENTS AND TO SOLICIT SUPPORT FOR ROK ON UN ISSUES.
THREE OTHER HIGH LEVEL MISSIONS WILL TRAVEL FOR ESSENTIALLY
SAME PURPOSES TO EAST AFRICA, TO SELECTED EUROPEAN
AND MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES, AND TO SOUTHEAST ASIA.
END SUMMARY.

1. ROKG IS SENDING HIGH LEVEL MISSION TO EIGHT WEST
AFRICAN COUNTRIES. MISSION WILL BE HEADED BY FORMER
FONMIN AND FORMER CHIEF OF ROK UN OBSERVER DELEGATION
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LIMB BYONG CHIN (BEN LIMB). IT IS ONE OF FOUR BEING FANNED OUT TO ADVANCE ROK POSITIONS IN CONTEXT OF RIVALRY WITH NORTH KOREA. IN PART RESPONSIVE TO NORTH KOREAN TRAVELING MISSIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN ACTIVE ABROAD IN RECENT WEEKS, ROK MISSIONS WILL (A) PRESENT ROK VERSION OF DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH- NORTH DIALOGUE, AND (B) SOLICIT SUPPORT FOR ROK POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION IN WHA MAY 7 AND UNGA IN SEPTEMBER. THE MISSION WILL ALSO BE EXAMINING LOCAL SITUATIONS WITH VIEW TO MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO ROKG ON (A) WHETHER ROK SHOULD SEND OR RETAIN ROK AMBASSADORS IN COUNTRIES WHICH ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA AS WELL AS SOUTH KOREA, AND (B) FUTURE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ROK MIGHT UNDERTAKE IN AFRICA.

2. LIMB WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY KIM SON SIK OF MOFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SECTION. ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS: SENEGAL, APRIL 19-24; GAMBIA, APRIL 24-26; SIERRA LEONE, APRIL 26- MAY 1; LIBERIA, MAY 1-4; UPPER VOLTA, MAY 6-9; TOGO, MAY 9-12; DAHOMEY, MAY 12-16; AND CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, MAY 17-20. MOFA EXPLAINED TO US THAT ALTHOUGH CAR FONMIN VISITED SEOUL RECENTLY THE ROKG CONSIDERS CAR SUSCEPTIBLE TO NORTH KOREAN INFLUENCE AND HAS THEREFORE DECIDED TO SEND LIMB TO BANGUI.

3. BOTH AMBASSADOR LIMB AND KIM SPEAK ENGLISH FLUENTLY. HABIB

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